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Governor Scott Walker
Office of the Governor
State of Wisconsin
P.O. Box 7863
Madison, Wisconsin 53707

Dear Governor Walker:

Thank you for your October 1, 2012 letter regarding the S.S. Badger's authorization to discharge coal ash slurry under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit program.

As you know, Lake Michigan Carferry Service (LMC) submitted an application for an individual permit for the S.S. Badger's discharge on May 23, 2012. LMC has provided supplemental information to that application, with the most recent submittal received on September 27, 2012.

EPA is committed to acting on LMC's permit application in an expeditious manner. As part of the review of LMC's permit application, EPA will assess the feasibility of various technologies that could treat or eliminate the discharge of coal ash -- including liquefied natural gas, the technology for which the Wisconsin State Energy Office has awarded a grant to LMC.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Ronna Beckmann or Denise Gawlinski, the Region 5 Intergovernmental Liaisons, at 312-886-3000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S Hedman".

Susan Hedman
Regional Administrator